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Dear Sir:

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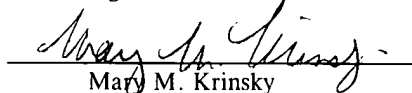
REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 are pending in this application, which relates to human occludin and some of its uses.

In the above-referenced communication from the Patent Office, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between what were perceived as the following groups of inventions:

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